



CHAOYIN BILINGUAL SCHOOL

SECTION	General School Administration
POLICY NAME	Communicable Disease Policy
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RELATED POLICIES	401 Anaphylactic Policy, 416 Student Safety Policies
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Rationale:

Chaoyin Bilingual School is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning and working environment for all students, staff, and visitors. This policy outlines the school's approach to preventing and managing communicable diseases in accordance with the BC Communicable Disease Prevention Framework, Work Safe BC requirements, and Fraser Health Authority guidance.

Policy:

1. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All employees, contractors, volunteers, and students of Chaoyin Bilingual School; and
- All school facilities, events, and school-related activities on and off campus.

2. Guiding Principles

- a. Health and safety of students and staff is a shared responsibility.
- b. Preventive measures are based on public health guidance and evidence.
- c. Communication and cooperation with public health authorities are essential.
- d. The school promotes a culture of respect, inclusion, and confidentiality in all health-related matters.

3. Preventive Measures

a. Daily Health Awareness

- Students and staff are expected to assess their health each day before coming to school.
- Anyone showing symptoms of illness (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea) must stay home until symptoms improve and they are well enough to return.
- The school does not require a medical note for routine illness-related absences.

b. Hand Hygiene

- Handwashing facilities with soap and water are available throughout the school.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is provided at key entry points and classrooms.
- Regular hand hygiene is encouraged, especially before eating and after using the washroom.

c. Respiratory Etiquette

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow.
- Dispose of tissues immediately and perform hand hygiene afterwards.

d. Cleaning and Disinfection

- High-touch surfaces (doorknobs, light switches, desks, shared equipment) are cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- A cleaning schedule is maintained and reviewed annually.

e. Ventilation

- HVAC systems are regularly maintained to ensure adequate air exchange.
- Where possible, windows are opened to enhance natural ventilation.

f. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- The use of masks or other PPE will follow current Public Health and Ministry of Education guidance.
- Individuals may choose to wear a mask based on personal preference or health needs; the school supports this choice.

g. Vaccination

- The school encourages all eligible staff and students to follow recommended vaccination schedules, including routine childhood and seasonal immunizations.
- Immunization records are requested for students as part of enrollment documentation.

4. Management of Illness and Outbreaks

- Individuals who become ill while at school will be separated from others and supervised in a designated space until they can safely go home.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child as soon as possible.
- In the event of a suspected or confirmed outbreak, the school will:
 - Notify and follow guidance from the Fraser Health Authority;
 - Implement enhanced cleaning and communication measures; and
 - Cooperate with public health officials for contact tracing or other containment procedures.

5. Communication and Training

- All staff receive annual orientation and training on communicable disease prevention measures.
- Updates to this policy or related procedures will be communicated to staff and families through email, staff meetings, and the school's communication platforms.
- Posters promoting hygiene and respiratory etiquette are displayed throughout the school.

6. Review and Continuous Improvement

- The Health and Safety Committee (or designated school administrator) reviews this policy annually and after any significant public health event.
- Feedback from staff and parents will be considered for continuous improvement.

7. References

- BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC): www.bccdc.ca
- WorkSafeBC Communicable Disease Prevention Guide
- BC Ministry of Education and Child Care: *K–12 Communicable Disease Guidelines*
- Fraser Health Authority: *Public Health Guidance for Schools*